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EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1653

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Marotti, Poorman, Wells and Shinabarger

Serial No.: 09/322,732

Group Art Unit: 1653

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Examiner: H. Robinson

For: **ELONGATION FACTOR P (EFP) AND ASSAYS AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Final Rejection mailed June 29, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-8, 15-18 and 141 as follows: